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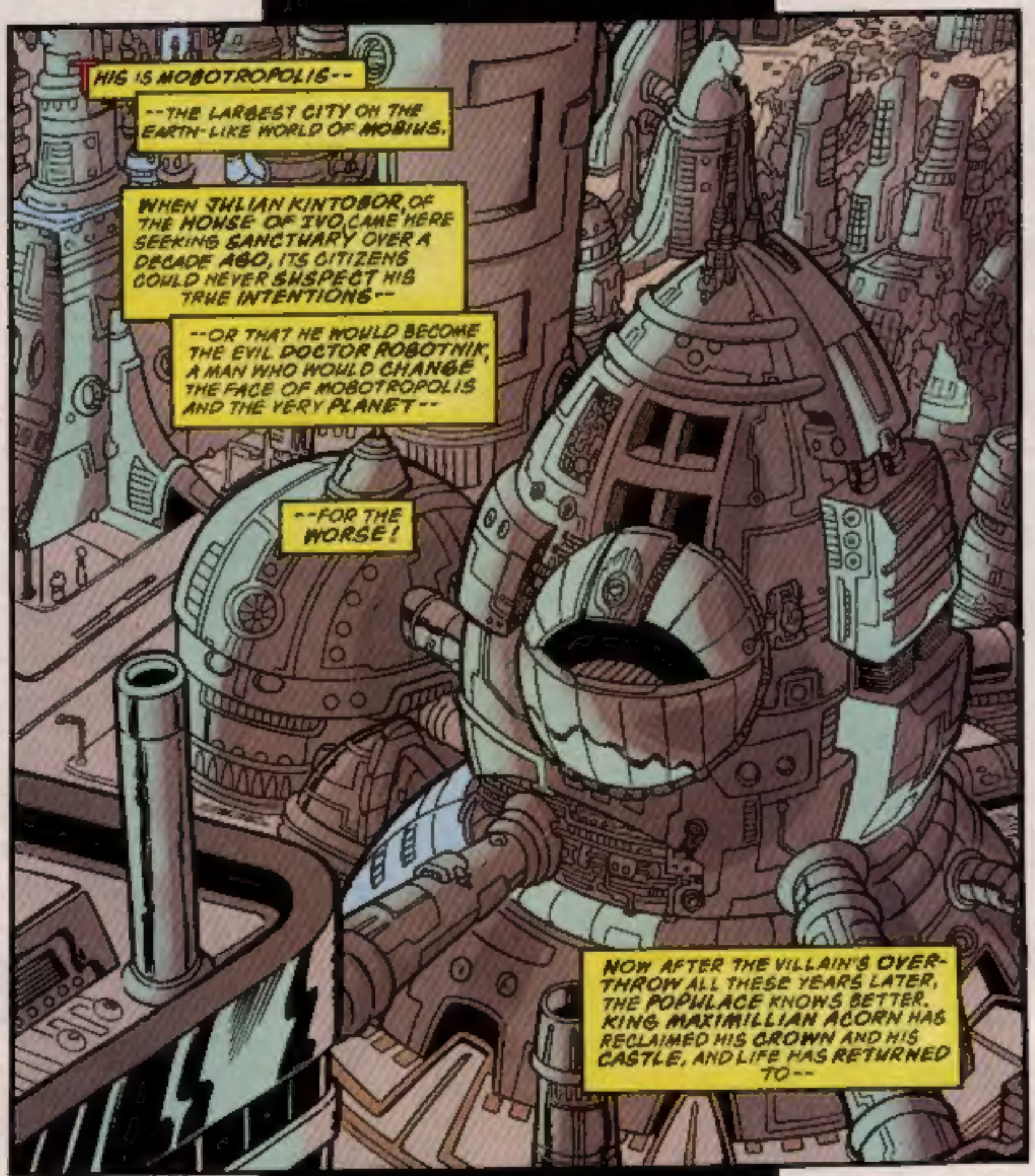

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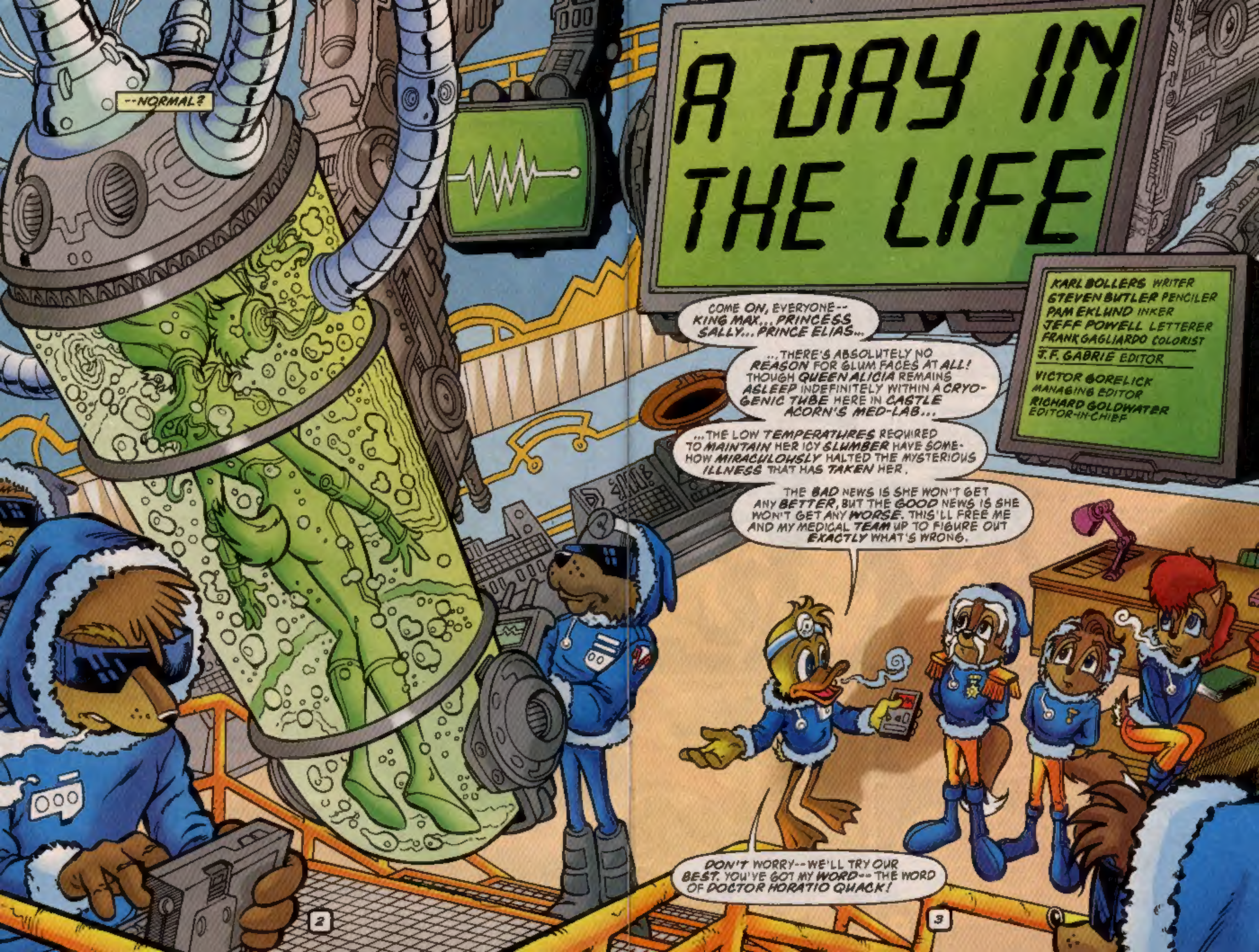
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--NORMAL?
COME ON, EVERYONE-- KING MAX... PRINCESS SALLY... PRINCE ELIAS...
...THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO REASON FOR GLUM FACES AT ALL! THOUGH QUEEN ALICIA REMAINS ASLEEP INDEFINITELY WITHIN A CRYOGENIC TUBE HERE IN CASTLE ACORN'S MED-LAB...
...THE LOW TEMPERATURES REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN HER ICY SLUMBER HAVE SOMEHOW MIRACULOUSLY HALTED THE MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS THAT HAS TAKEN HER.
THE BAD NEWS IS SHE WON'T GET ANY BETTER, BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS SHE WON'T GET ANY WORSE. THIS'LL FREE ME AND MY MEDICAL TEAM UP TO FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT'S WRONG.
DON'T WORRY--WE'LL TRY OUR BEST. YOU'VE GOT MY WORD-- THE WORD OF DOCTOR HORATIO QUACK!
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DAD--I *NEED* TO KNOW THE *TRUTH!* YOU *ALWAYS* TOLD ME MOM HAD *DIED* DURING THE *GREAT WAR* WITH THE *OVERLANDERS** WHEN I WAS JUST A *BABY*...

...BUT YOU *NEVER* TOLD ME I HAD AN OLDER *BROTHER* WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE *PERISHED* ALONGSIDE HER!

YOU WERE TOO *YOUNG* TO REMEMBER HIM, SALLY. ELIAS WAS WITH YOUR MOTHER ABOARD A *CONVOY* CARRYING THEM TO OUR *RESIDENCE* ON THE *FLOATING ISLAND* WHEN THEIR CRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY OVERLANDER *AIR TROOPS!*

WE HUNTED HIGH *AND* LOW, BUT FOUND NO TRACE OF *THEM* OR THE REST OF THEIR MISSING *PARTY*--THEY HAD ALL BUT *VANISHED* INTO THIN AIR. I HELD ON TO *HOPE* FOR AS LONG AS I COULD, BUT AFTER A *WHILE*...

...I FEARED FOR THE *WORST*. I KNEW YOU WOULD *SOMEDAY* ASK ABOUT YOUR MOTHER WHEN YOU WERE *OLDER* BUT, SEEKING TO *SPARE* YOU FROM ANY FURTHER *PAIN*, I KEPT ELIAS' *EXISTENCE* A SECRET FROM YOU.

*Humans - JFG

WHEN NEW *EVIDENCE* RECENTLY EMERGED THAT LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR MOTHER AND HE *MAY* HAVE INDEED *SURVIVED* THE INCIDENT ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...

...I ASSIGNED *COMMANDER GEOFFREY ST. JOHN*--AS HEAD OF MY *SECRET SERVICE*--THE MISSION OF LEARNING IF THE *RUMOR* WAS REALLY *TRUE!*

RUMORS CAN BE *HARMFUL*, SALLY, AND I DIDN'T WISH TO FALSELY RAISE YOUR *HOPES* WITH ONE...SO I MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AS *FORTHCOMING* AS YOU WOULD HAVE *LIKED* REGARDING THIS COURSE OF *ACTION.***

*Read *KNUCKLES* #19-21
**Read "The Mission" back-up story in *SONIC* #64- JFG

MEANWHILE, JUST OUTSIDE CASTLE ACORN...

SO IT WAS CROC-BOT CONTROLLING DUCK BILL PLATYPUS FROM THE DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS ALL ALONG--HUH, SONIC?

YOU BET YOUR BEAKER, ROTOR, BUT WITH ME AND TAILS IN TOWN, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY WE PULLED THE PLUG ON HIS SCALY OPERATION!*

WAY TO GO, SUBAH-HOG--SOUNDS LIKE YOU BOYS HAD SOME REAL WILD ADVENTURES WHILE YOU WERE AWAY!** WAIT'LL PRINCESS SALLY HEARS ABOUT IT!

* Read ish #61 ** Issues # 58-67- JF6

AND, ON A NEARBY ROOFTOP...

DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

AS PLAIN AS THE WHISKERS ON MY FACE, PAL--WE'D BETTER RADIO THE HEAD HONCHO RIGHT AWAY!

COME IN, OMEGA--COME IN!

I HEAR YOU, ALPHA--REPORT.

YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHO'S BACK IN MOBOTROPOLIS...

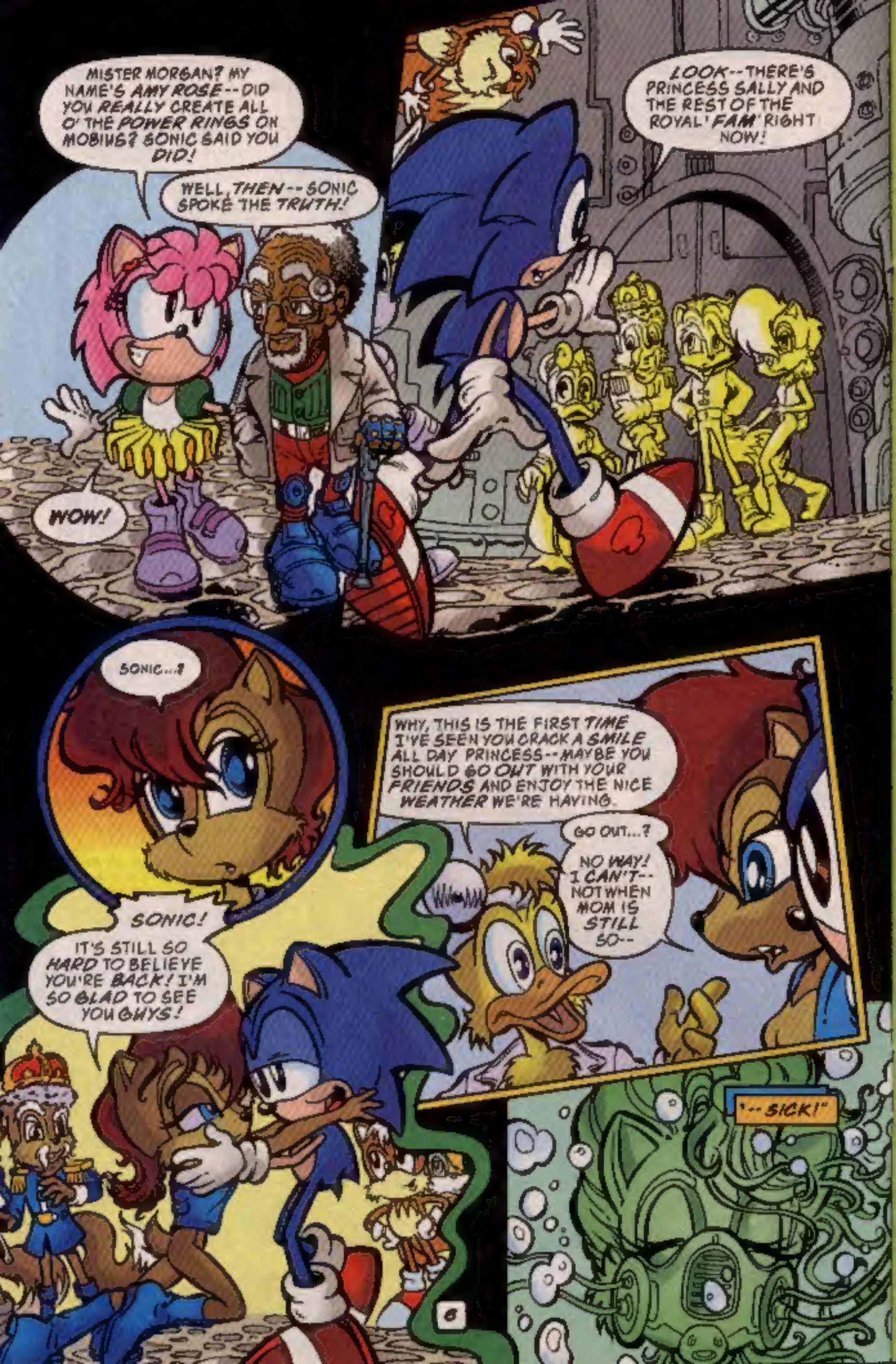
SONIC!

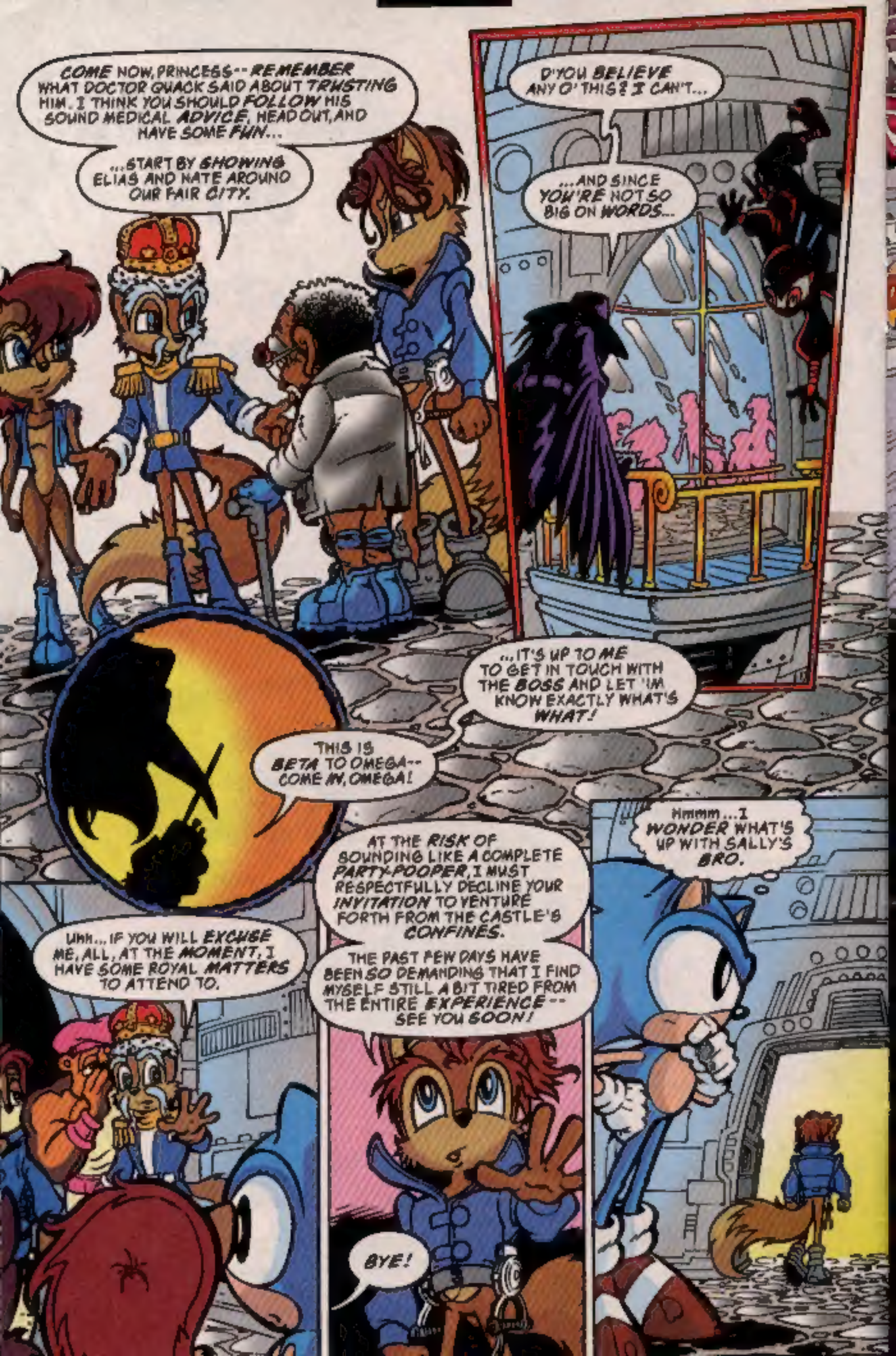
NATE--NATE MORGAN! HOW'S IT GOIN'?

SO FAR SO GOOD, MY YOUNG FRIEND...

...PERHAPS RETURNING TO MOBOTROPOLIS WITH YOU WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE AFTER ALL. AND ALTHOUGH KINTOBOR (OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL HIM), HAS LEFT A LEGACY OF POLLUTANTS AND TOXIC WASTE IN THE TWENTY-SOMETHING YEARS SINCE I LEFT...

...BEHOLDING THE JOY IN KING MAX'S EYES UPON SEEING ME AFTER ALL THIS TIME MAKES ME HAPPY TO BE ... HOME.


MISTER MORGAN? MY NAME'S AMY ROSE--DID YOU REALLY CREATE ALL O' THE POWER RINGS ON MOBIUS? SONIC SAID YOU DID!
WELL, THEN--SONIC SPOKE THE TRUTH!
WOW!
LOOK--THERE'S PRINCESS SALLY AND THE REST OF THE ROYAL 'FAM' RIGHT NOW!
SONIC...?
SONIC!
IT'S STILL SO HARD TO BELIEVE YOU'RE BACK! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU GUYS!
WHY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU CRACK A SMILE ALL DAY PRINCESS--MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND ENJOY THE NICE WEATHER WE'RE HAVING.
GO OUT...?
NO WAY! I CAN'T--NOT WHEN MOM IS STILL SO--
"--SICK!"


COME NOW, PRINCESS-- REMEMBER WHAT DOCTOR QUACK SAID ABOUT TRUSTING HIM. I THINK YOU SHOULD FOLLOW HIS SOUND MEDICAL ADVICE, HEAD OUT, AND HAVE SOME FUN...
...START BY SHOWING ELIAS AND NATE AROUND OUR FAIR CITY.
D'YOU BELIEVE ANY O' THIS? I CAN'T...
...AND SINCE YOU'RE NOT SO BIG ON WORDS...
...IT'S UP TO ME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE BOSS AND LET 'IM KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S WHAT!
THIS IS BETA TO OMEGA-- COME IN, OMEGA!
Hmmm...I WONDER WHAT'S UP WITH SALLY'S BRO.
AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE A COMPLETE PARTY-POOPER, I MUST RESPECTFULLY DECLINE YOUR INVITATION TO VENTURE FORTH FROM THE CASTLE'S CONFINES.
THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE BEEN SO DEMANDING THAT I FIND MYSELF STILL A BIT TIRED FROM THE ENTIRE EXPERIENCE-- SEE YOU SOON!
BYE!
UHH... IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME, ALL, AT THE MOMENT, I HAVE SOME ROYAL MATTERS TO ATTEND TO.

SOON, AMIDST THE BUSTLING AVENUES OF MOBOTROPOLIS...

LIKE WOW--A GENUINE LONG LOST BROTHER, Huh, SAL? THAT'S WAY PAST WAY-PAST-COOL!

I SUPPOSE...

THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD...

JUST A SEC, EVERYBODY...I SEE TEMPTATION THAT JUST CAN'T BE RESISTED!

TWO, PLEASE! SO...

WHAT'S BEEN SHAKIN' IN MOBO OVER THE PAST MONTH?

NOT A WHOLE LOT, SONIC--IT'S BEEN REAL QUIET!

HERE YA GO, NATE--EAT UP!

UH... WHAT IS IT EXACTLY?

"THE FOOD O' THE 'HOGS!"

WELL, DOESN'T THAT BEAT JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING? THOSE JOKERS ARE RUBBING ELBOWS WITH, OF ALL CREATURES, AN OVERLANDER!

YOU'RE TELLIN' ME! YOU'D THINK THAT THEY'D THINK TWICE ABOUT DOIN' SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT AFTER HOW DOC 'BOTNIK AND SNI--I MEAN, THE BOSS MESSED UP THEIR LIVES!

DO YOU READ ME, OMEGA?

LOUD AND CLEAR, GAMMA--REPORT.

DIG THIS SCENE...

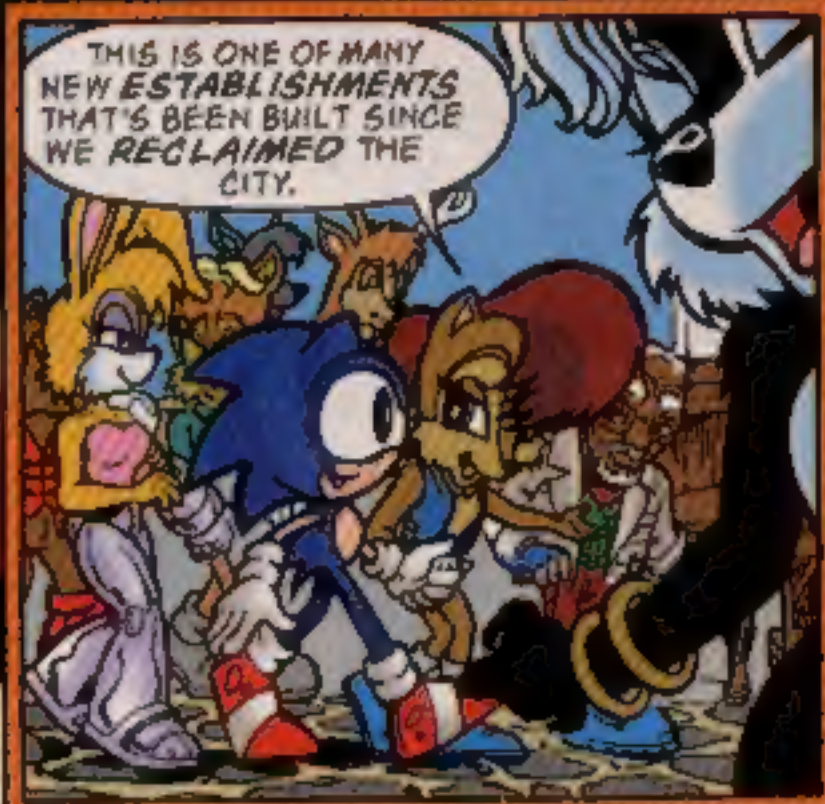
A FEW BLOCKS LATER...

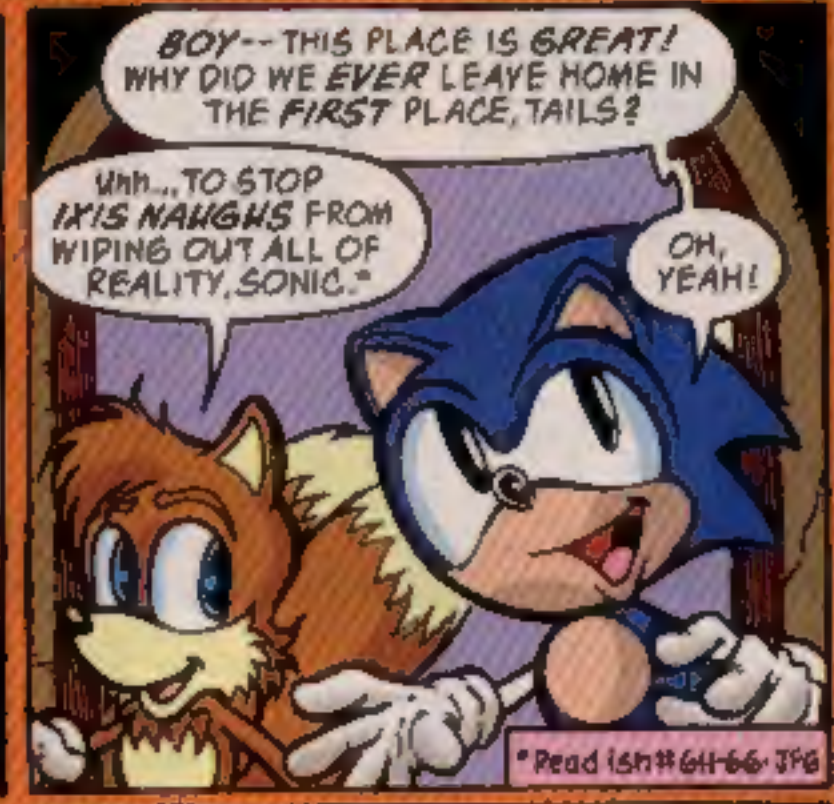
JUNGLE JOOSE

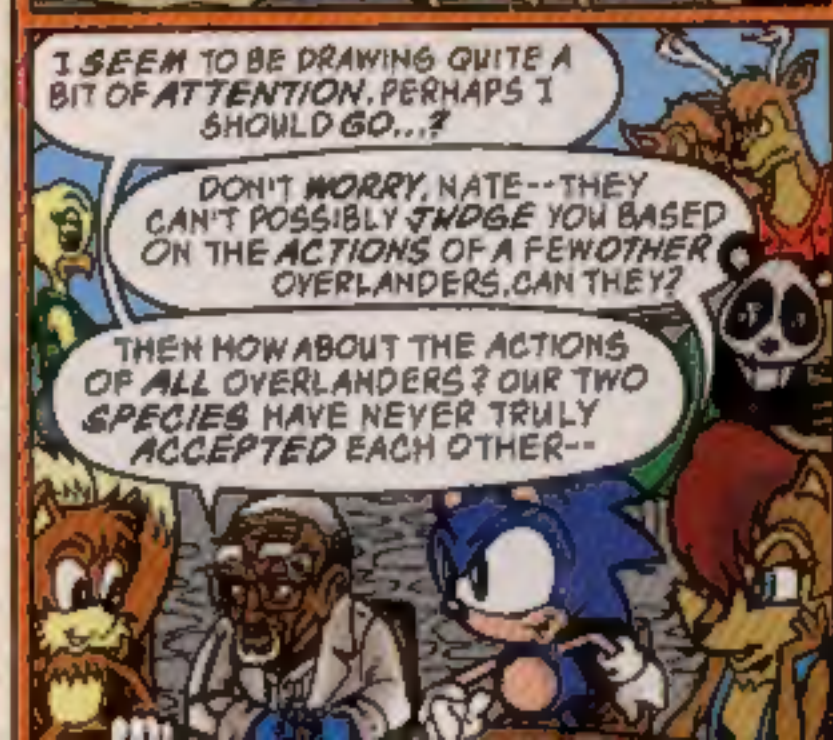
GEEZ-- WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

EET IS ZEE JUICE-BAR--ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT AW NATUREL!*

* In a natural state -- Justin "Frenchie" Gabrie







LOTS OF LAUGHS LATER...

SAY, ANTOINE... IS IT MY IMAGINATION OR DOES BUNNIE HAVE AN EVEN BIGGER CRUSH ON YOU NOW THAN BEFORE TAILS AND I JUICED ON OUT O' MOBO? SHE HANGS ON YOUR EVERY MISPRONOUNCED WORD!

Ah, WELL... OF ZAT I AM NOT QUITE SURE--

--I AM ONLY AWARE ZAT HER VOICE HAS ZEE RING OF A SOUTHERN BELL. ZEE SUNLIGHT--EET GIVES HER A CERTAIN POLISH. ZEE SUMMER BREEZE--

OKAY! OKAY--CHILL WITH THE POETRY, "WORDSWORSE!" I CATCH YOUR DRIFT--YOU LIKE HER A WHOLE LOT!

OWI.

THAT'S GREAT... JUST GREAT. SAY, Uh, ANT--THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF REUNIONS SINCE WE BEAT 'ROBUTTNIK, Y'KNOW...

OF COURSE--YOU WITH YOUR PARENTS--SALLY WITH HER FAMILY--AND EVEN ZIS NATE MORGAN WITH ZEE KINGDOM HE HELPED TO ERECT!

EET MAKES ME QUESTION ZEE FATE OF MY OWN FATHER WHO HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE ROBOTNIK'S REIGN BEGAN--(SIGH) WILL I NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN?

ANT--TAILS AND I ENCOUNTERED A LOT O' HOSTILE AND DANGEROUS ROBIANS* WHILE WE WERE AWAY. YOUR DAD--YOUR DAD WAS--

--BREAK IT GENTLY, SONIC--

*Roboticized citizens of Mobius - JFS

AH WONDER WHAT THOSE TWO COULD BE YAMMERIN' ON ABOUT FOR SO LONG. WHATEVER IT IS...

...IT DON'T SEEM TO BE MAKIN' TWAN TOO HAPPY! I'D BETTER--

OH... I'M SO "SORRY," STRANGER. I MUST HAVE "ACCIDENTALLY" SPILLED MY TOMATO JUICE ALL OVER... YOUR HEAD.

GOOD-BYE 'TIL NEXT--

--TIME?!

WHY NOT 'TIL RIGHT NOW?

BECAUSE I'M DONE HERE HEDGEHOG I MADE MY APOLOGY AND THAT'S THAT!

SONIC-- WAIT!

THAT WAS NO ACCIDENT, SAL--

--HE SOAKED NATE ON PURPOSE! I COULD TELL.

I KNOW--BUT FIGHTING WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM. IT'S LARGER THAN THAT.

TOWEL, STRANGER?

THANK YOU ..AND THE NAME'S NATE

WELL, WELL, WELL.. THE PLOT SICKENS

THIS IS DELTA, OMEGA-- WE'RE READY TO MAKE OUR MOVE ON YOUR SAY SO.

EXCELLENT-- YOU WILL ALL CONVERGE ON THE TARGET AT ONCE!

CASTLE ACORN'S ROYAL BRIEFING ROOM

GO AHEAD, COMMANDER St. JOHN

SIRE--MY VISIT TO THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG HAS SERVED TO EXPLAIN WHY WE'VE RECEIVED NO WORD FROM ITS GUARDS IN HELL OVER A WEEK--

IT'S A COMPLETE MYSTERY AS TO HOW THIS BREAK-OUT OCCURRED! SEVERAL GUARDS, WHO HAD BEEN IMPRISONED HERE BY THE ESCAPEES--

--SAY THAT THE CELLS OPENED BY THEMSELVES. THEY CLAIM THAT SNIVELY WAS RESPONSIBLE.

SNIVELY --ROBOTNIK'S NEPHEW?

YES, MY LIEGE, HERE'S A COMPLETE LINE-UP OF THE ROGUES WHO MADE IT OUT WITH HIM.

WE'VE COMBED THE AREA SURROUNDING THE DEVIL'S ISLAND AND FOUND THE REMAINS OF TWO DOWNED SHUTTLE-CRAFT SEVERAL MILES AWAY.

NO BODIES WERE FOUND IN THE WRECKAGE AND WITH THE OCEAN'S INTOLERABLY HIGH TEMPERATURE, IT'S NOT LIKELY THERE WERE ANY SURVIVORS, EITHER.

I'M SORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS

DON'T BLAME YOURSELF St JOHN--I'LL GET DOCTOR QUACK AND HIS MEDICS READY TO TREAT THOSE MALNOURISHED GUARDS AT ONCE

COMMANDER --ARE YOU POSITIVE THAT THE ESCAPED PRISONERS PERISHED?

OF COURSE, PRINCE ELIAS. IF THEY'RE NOT HERE...

"--THEN WHERE WOULD THEY BE?"

YOU GOONS HAVE GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME. I'M ONLY GONNA SAY IT ONCE, SO EVERYBODY'LL HEAR NATE MORGAN'S WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! YOU MESS WITH HIM...

HAND OVER THE OVERLANDER --OR ELSE!

YOU MESS WITH ME! ANY QUES--

URK!

THIS GUY'S REALLY PLAYIN' FOR KEEPS!

SONIC!

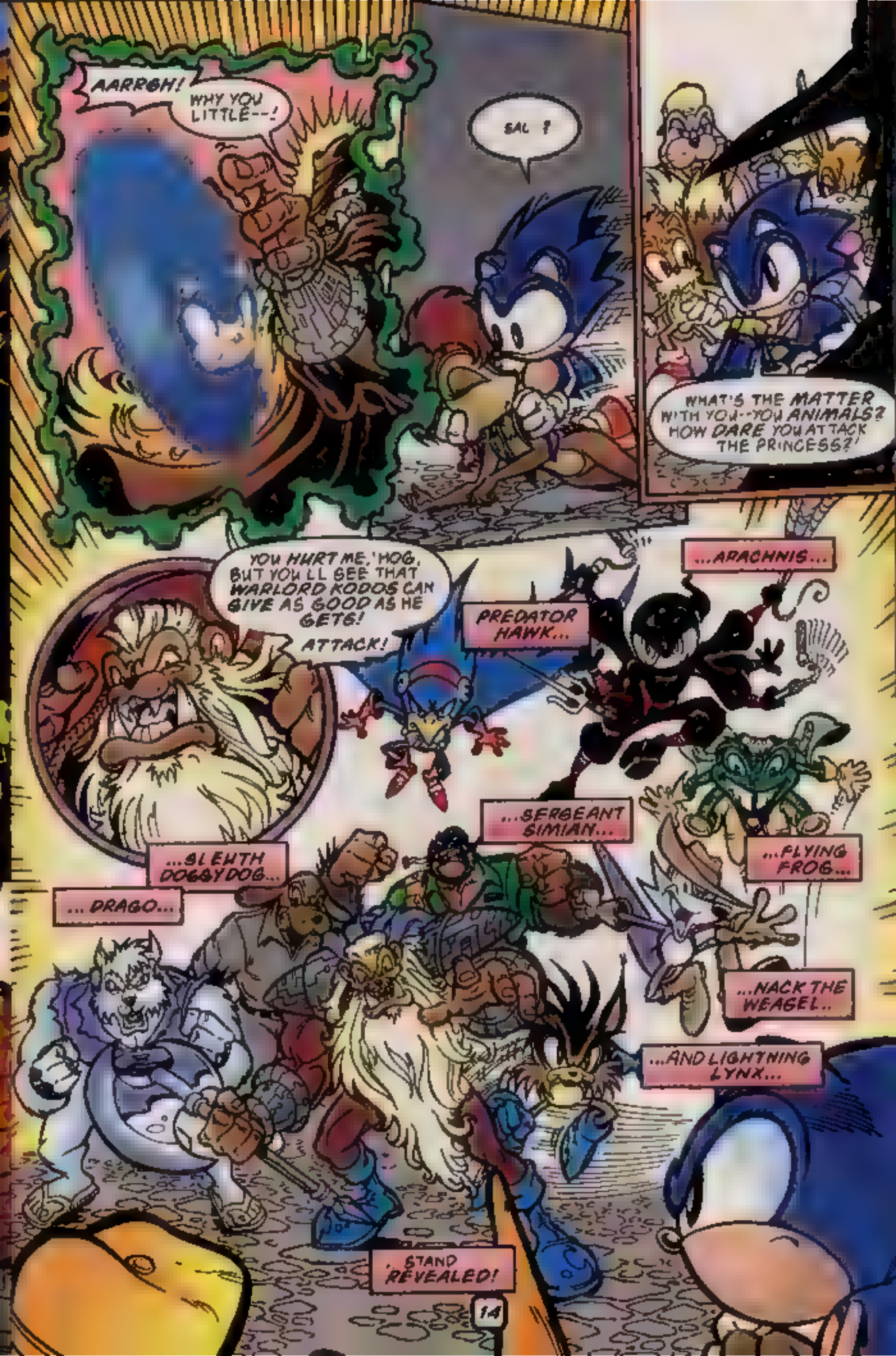
HOLD THAT POSE, DOLL!

WHAK

UNNGH!

THERE THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.

SALLY!


AARRGH!
WHY YOU LITTLE--!
SAL ?
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU--YOU ANIMALS? HOW DARE YOU ATTACK THE PRINCESS?!
YOU HURT ME, 'HOG, BUT YOU'LL SEE THAT WARLORD RODOS CAN GIVE AS GOOD AS HE GETS!
ATTACK!
PREDATOR HAWK...
...APACHNIS...
...SERGEANT SIMIAN...
...FLYING FROG...
...SLEUTH DOGBYDOG...
... DRAGO...
...NACK THE WEASEL..
...AND LIGHTNING LYNX...
STAND REVEALED!

UNHAND ME!
WAIT 'LL WE'VE FLOWN HIGHER, GRANDDAD--MAYBE THEN I'LL CONSIDER IT!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE HAWK--!
WHOOPS--SNEAK ATTACK! SORRY I DIDN'T LET YOU KNOW IT WAS COMING!
SOMETHIN'S GONE RADICALLY WRONG--
"THESE CRIMINAL-MINDED CREEPS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE BEHIND BARS BUT SOMEHOW THEY'VE BUSTED LOOSE...
"AND THEY'RE NASTIER THAN EVER!"
MY BIONIC LEGS 'LL LET ME CATCH UP TO PREDATOR HAWK --AND NATE!
PERFECT. THIS ONE IS DISTRACTED
TIMBER!
KER-RASH!
OUTSIDE
IN YA GO! THE TARGET IS SECURED, OMEGA--OR SHOULD I CALL YOU SNIVELY?
'BOSS WILL DO QUITE NICELY, THANK YOU. AND AS FOR YOU CAPTURING THE TARGET IS CONCERNED--PERFECT!

AND THEN,

MOVE IT! MOVE IT! MOVE IT!

S MIAN-- GIVE US SOME COVER!

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UHH, SONIC, YOU'RE OKAY.

Er, YEAH SA... NUTHIN' CAN HURT ME--

--RIGHT?

PLUNKT

THERE'S NO WAY YOU WANT TO MISS NEXT ISSUE'S EXPLOSIVE CONCLUSION!

Tales of the Freedom Fighters

Presents:

LUPE AND THE WOLFPACK

PART III

WEATHERING THE STORM

Lupe's Journal Entry... The storm continues on into it's tenth day, raining much too hard to continue past the confines of the city.. what's left of it, that is

We are currently rationing supplies as a precaution against the possibility of the storm not letting up in the mean-term future

As for Gerna and Athena, the two Cheerleader girls we have found, I have yet to decide what to do with them...

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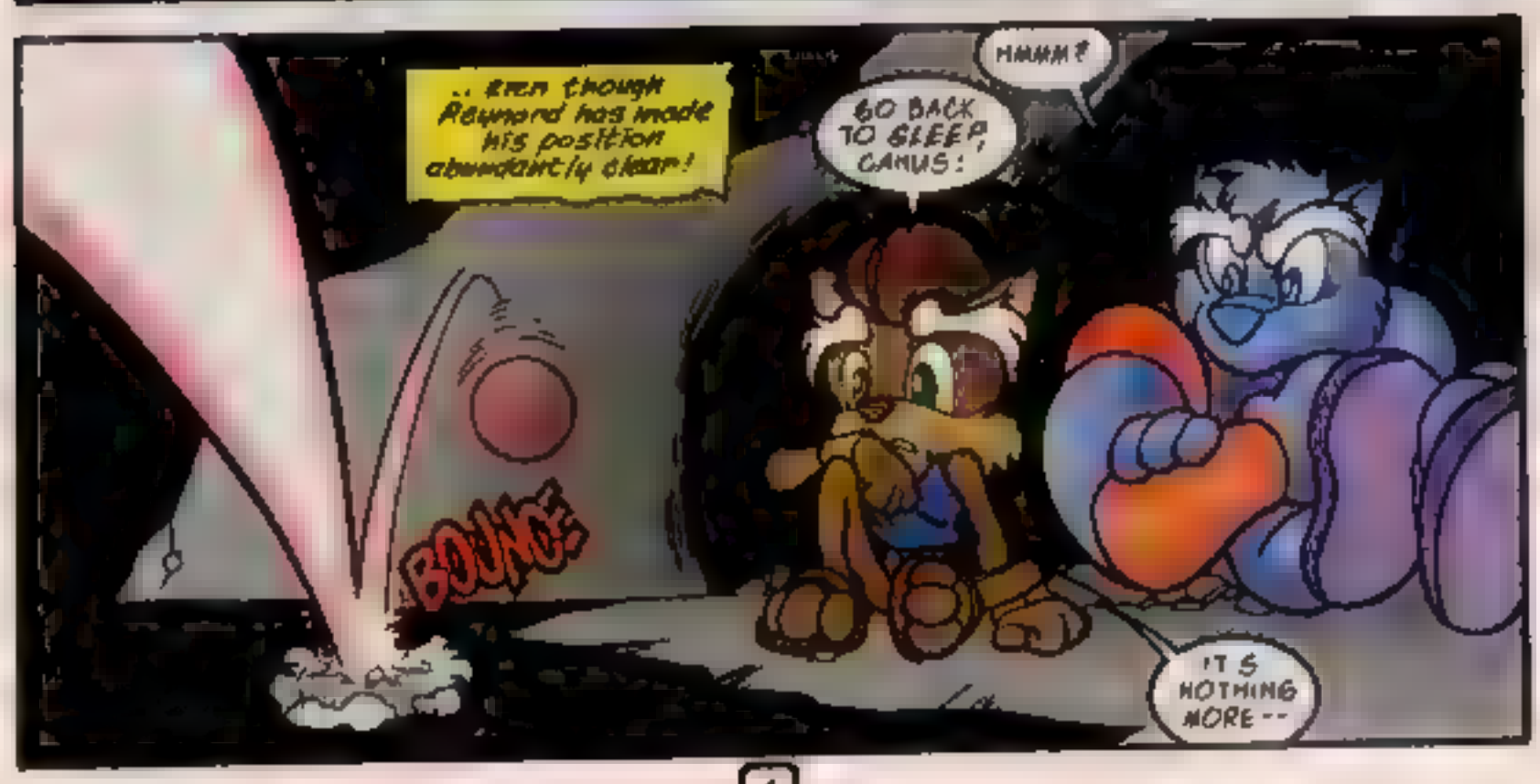
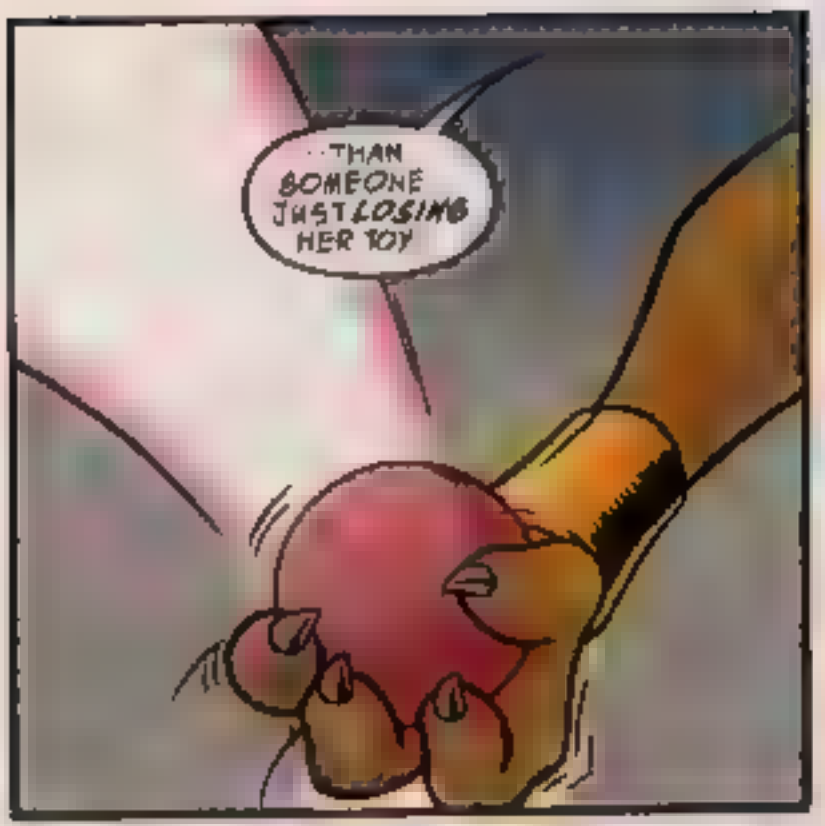
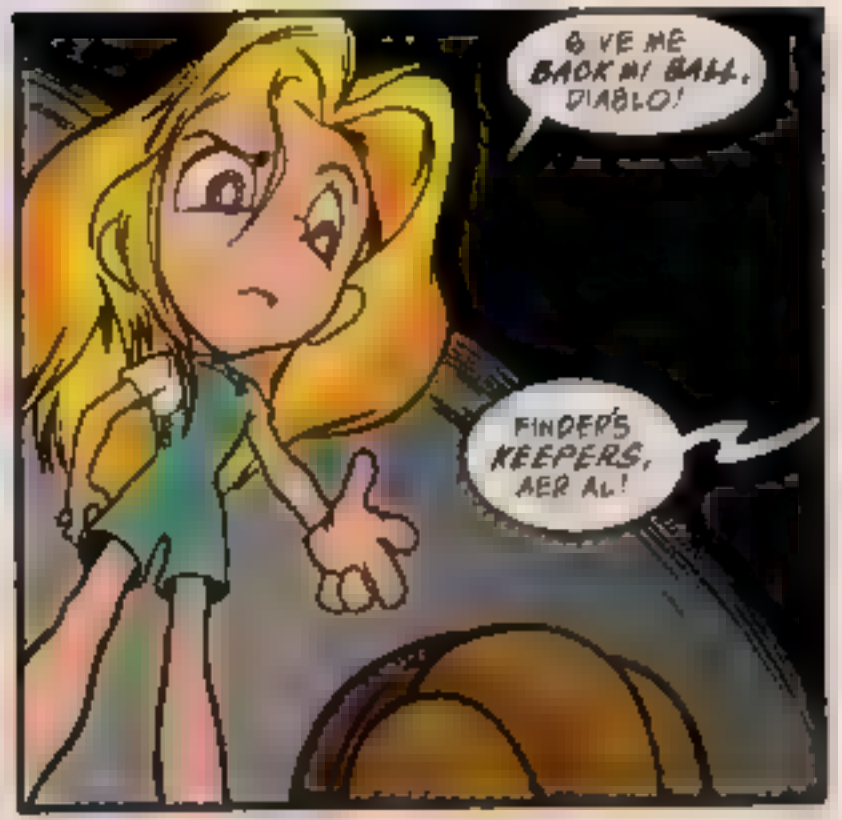
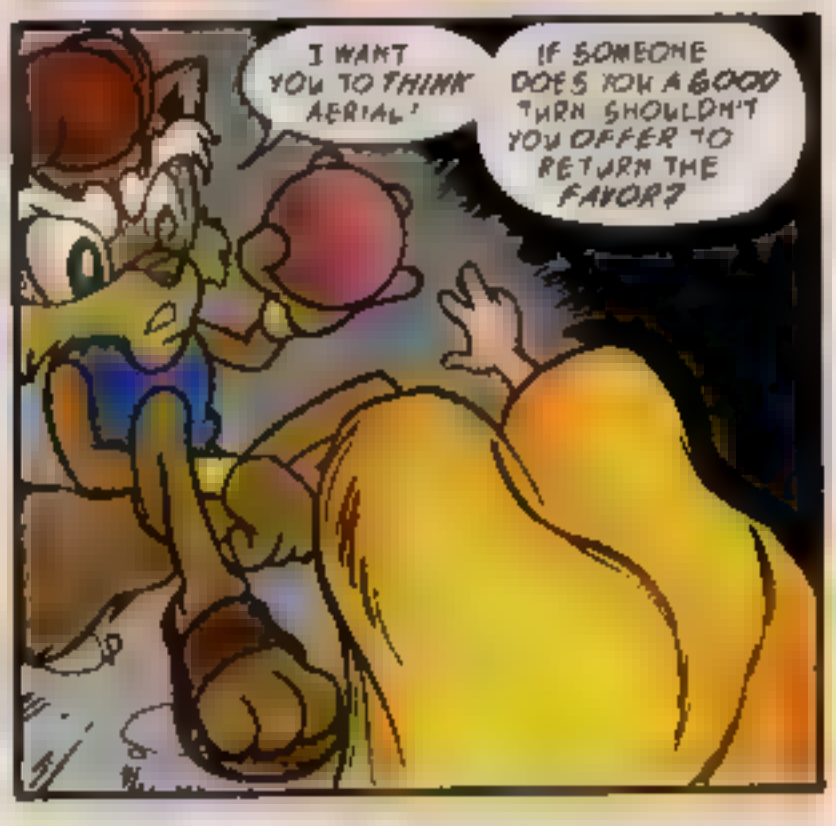
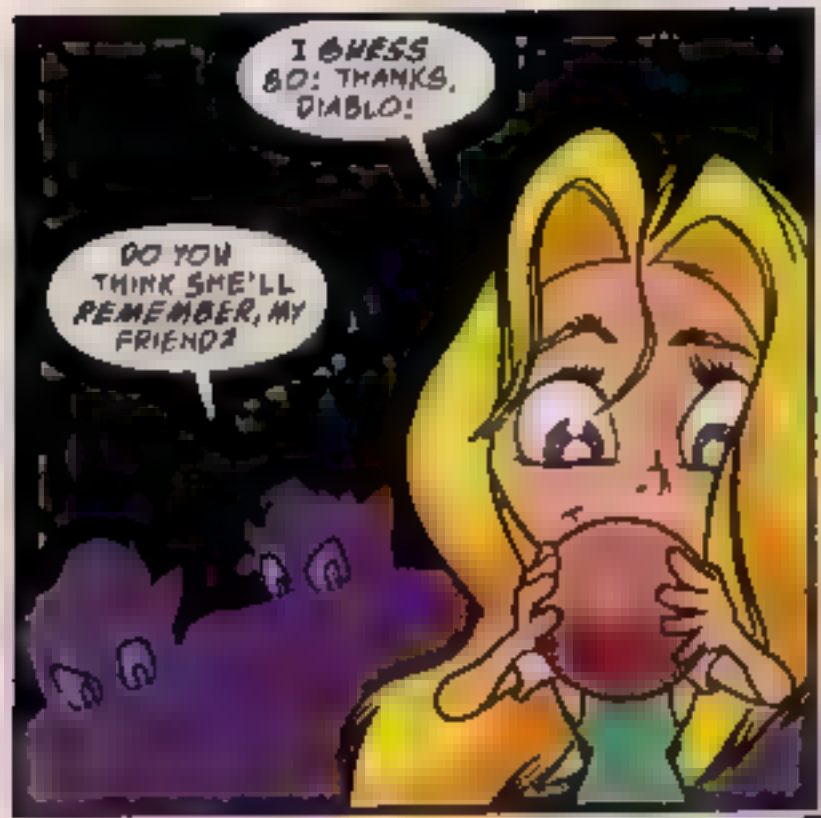



...THAN SOMEONE JUST LOSING HER TOY


GIVE ME BACK MY BALL, DIABLO!
FINDER'S KEEPERS, AER AL!

IF YOU WISH ME TO RETURN YOUR BALL, WHAT DO I GET IN RETURN?
I DUNNO! WHAT DO YOU WANT, DIABLO?


I WANT YOU TO THINK AERIAL!
IF SOMEONE DOES YOU A GOOD TURN SHOULDN'T YOU OFFER TO RETURN THE FAVOR?


I GUESS SO: THANKS, DIABLO!
DO YOU THINK SHE'LL REMEMBER, MY FRIEND?

SHE'S ONLY A LITTLE GIRL ONE CAN ONLY HOPE!
RIGHT NOW I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR COMRADES--

" --AND WONDERING WHAT'S TAKING THEM SO LONG "

JUST BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS MET WITH AN UNFORTUNATE END IS NO REASON FOR YOU TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY, LUPE!

OUR PRESENT SITUATION IS DIFFICULT ENOUGH WITHOUT TAKING ON THAT BURDEN!

THERE'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, REYNARD!

I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE OTHERS WOULD SHOW THE SAME COMPASSION TO WOLF CUBS IF THEY WERE DISCOVERED IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES!

TURNING OUR BACKS ON THE GIRLS WOULD MAKE US NO BETTER THAN THOSE WE FOUGHT TO PRESERVE OUR KIND!

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, LUPE!

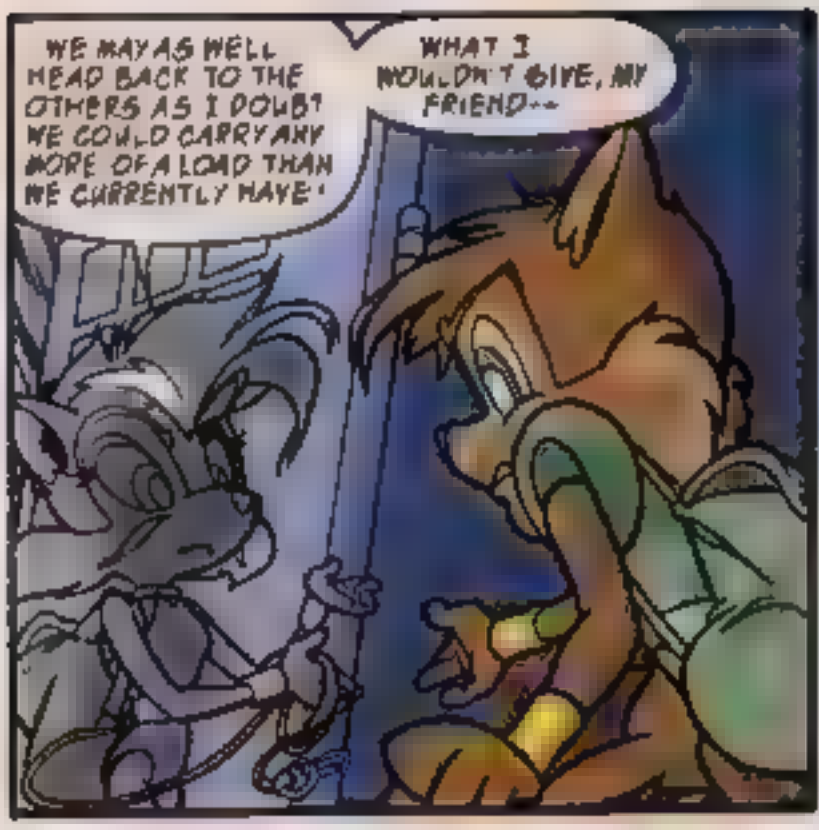
ONE OF US COULD END UP PAYING DEARLY FOR YOUR DECISION!

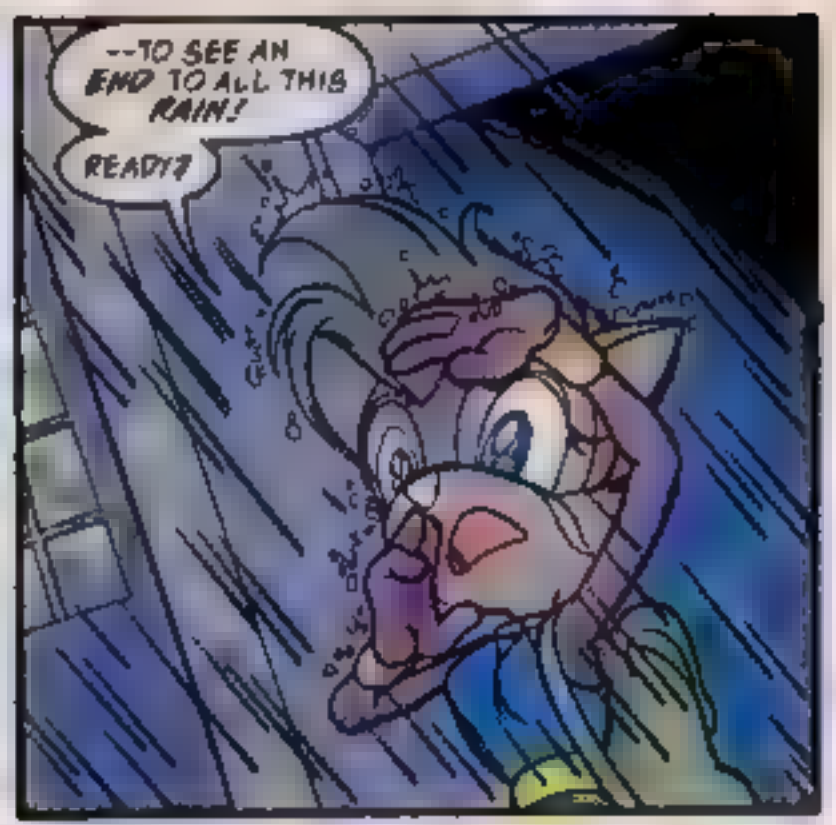
ONE MUST HAVE FAITH, REYNARD--

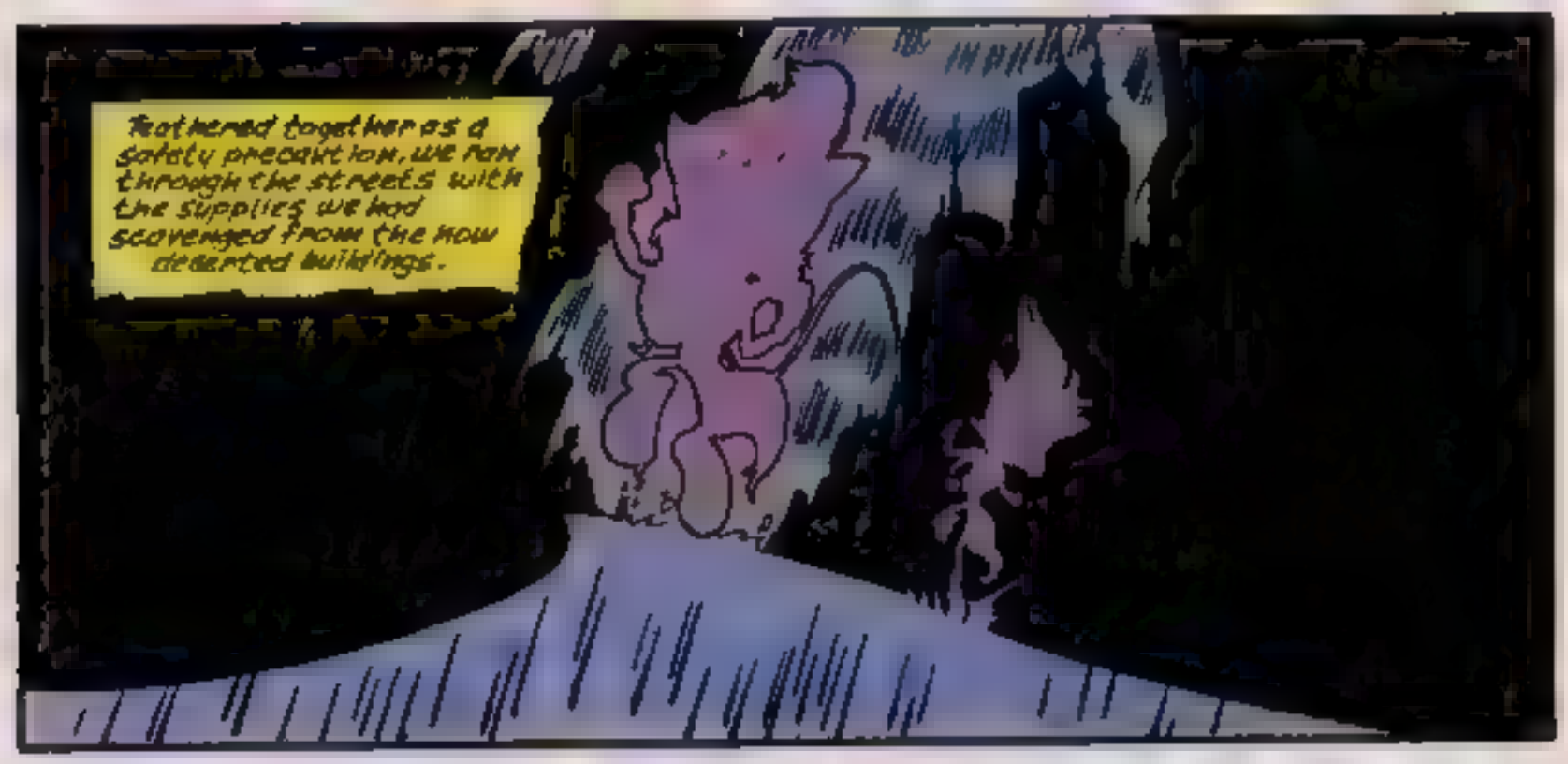
--FOR WITHOUT IT, ALL IS LOST!

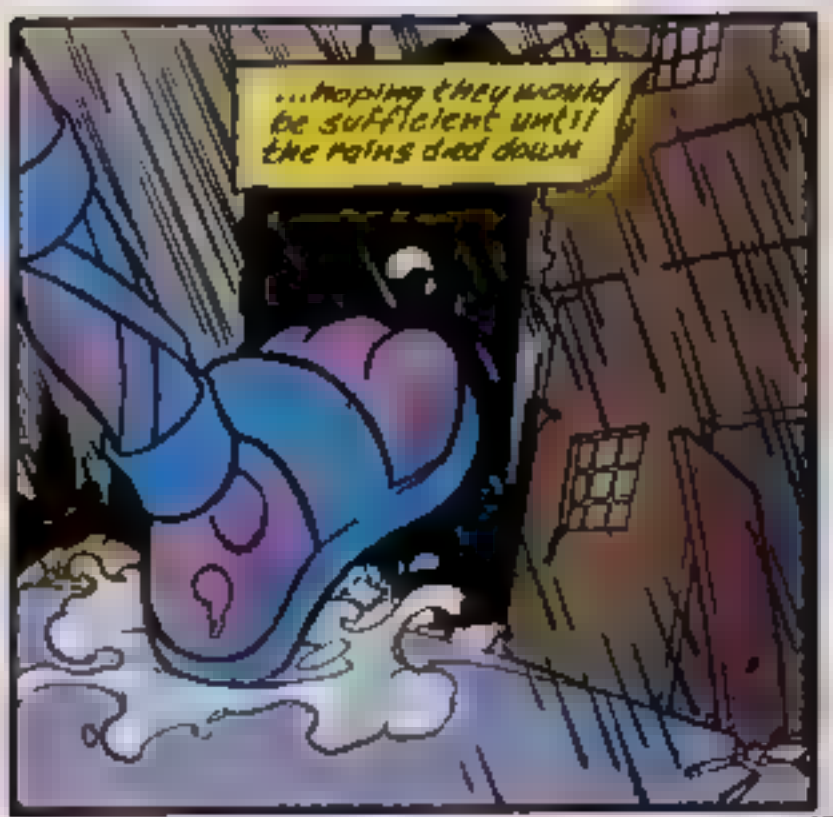
YOUR LOGIC IS UNASSAILABLE, AS EVER!

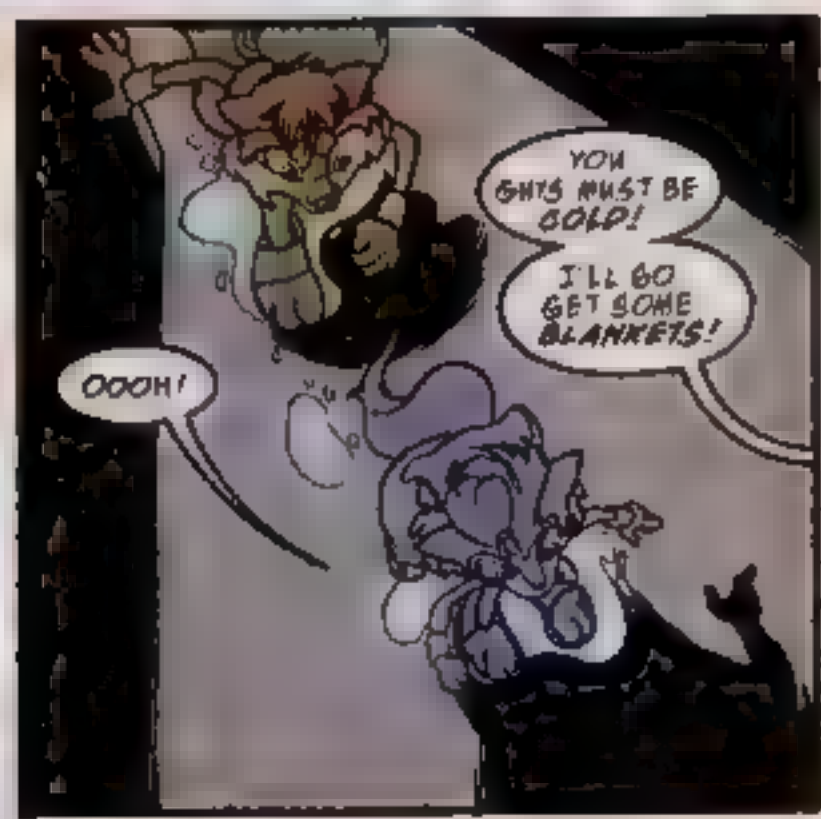
SO WHAT'S NEXT?


WE MAY AS WELL HEAD BACK TO THE OTHERS AS I DOUBT WE COULD CARRY ANY MORE OF A LOAD THAN WE CURRENTLY HAVE!
WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE, MY FRIEND--


--TO SEE AN END TO ALL THIS RAIN!
READY?

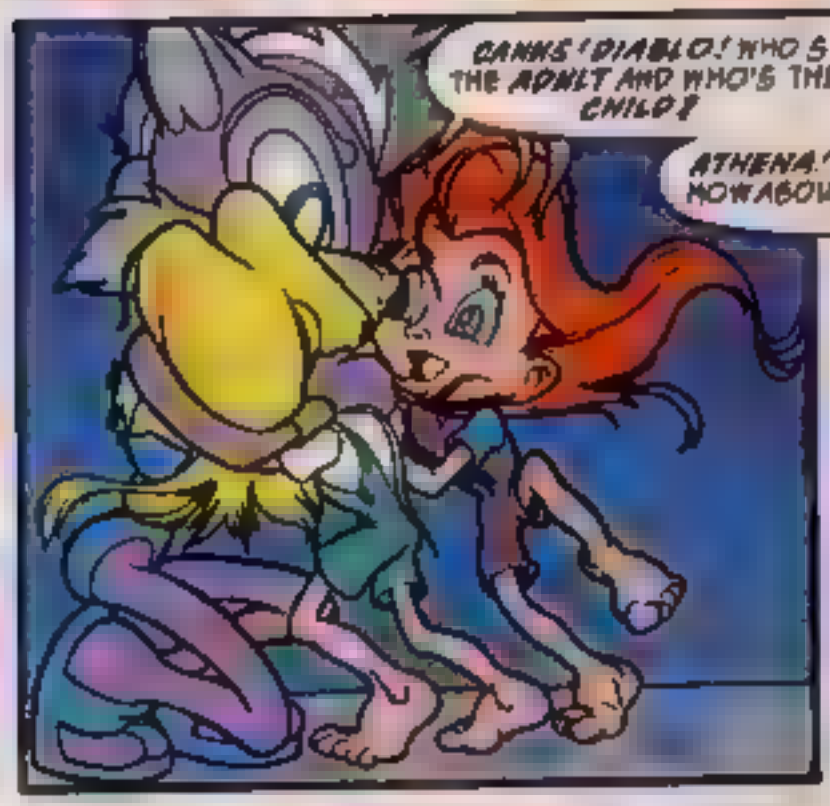

Tentered together as a safety precaution, we ran through the streets with the supplies we had scavenged from the now deserted buildings.

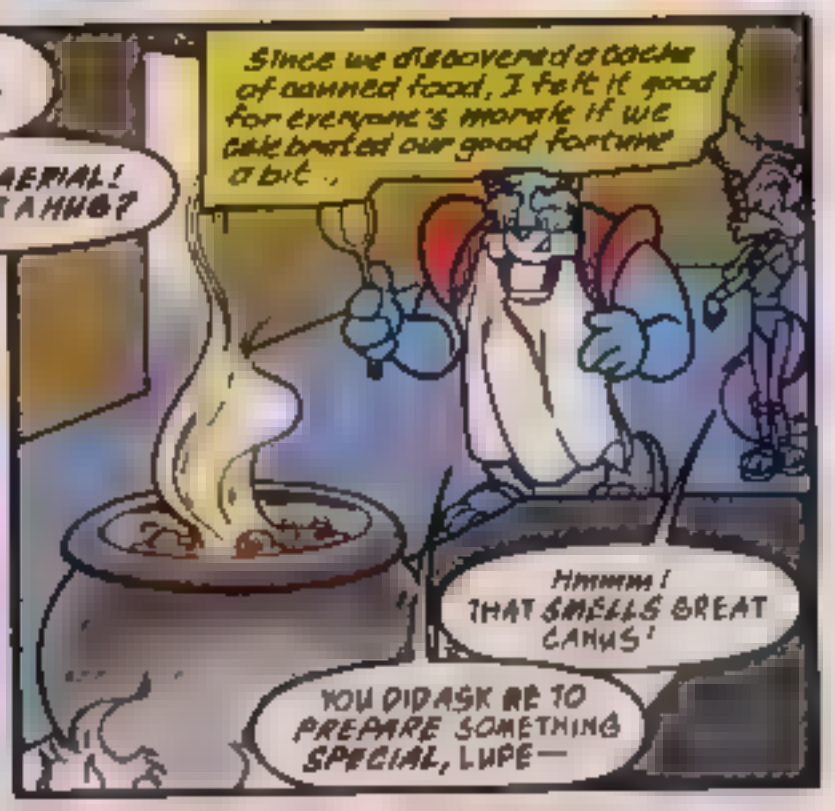

...hoping they would be sufficient until the rains died down


YOU GUYS MUST BE COLD!
I'LL GO GET SOME BLANKETS!
OOOH!

BRRR!
OH MUCH BETTER!
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

LUPE! YOU'RE BACK!
I DON'T BELIEVE I HEARD AN "EXCUSE ME!"
GUESS THEY HAVE SHORT MEMORIES!


CANUS! DIABLO! WHO'S THE ADULT AND WHO'S THE CHILD?
ATHENA! AERIAL! HOW ABOUT A HUG?


Since we discovered a cache of canned food, I felt it good for everyone's morale if we celebrated our good fortune a bit...
HMMMM! THAT SMELLS GREAT CANUS!
YOU DID ASK ME TO PREPARE SOMETHING SPECIAL, LUPE—

--AND I DIDN'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT!
HMMM! CARE TO TRY?

THAT'S ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS, CANUS!
RUN ALONG AND WASH UP, GIRLS--

BECAUSE DINNER IS READY!

I JUST WANT TO SAY BEFORE WE START WE HAVE A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR

EVEN SO, THERE IS MUCH YET STILL TO BE DONE!

REGARDING AERIAL AND ATHENA, AFTER DISCUSSING THE MATTER W TH EVERYONE

--I BELIEVE THEIR PLACE IS WITH US AS PART OF THE PACK!

WE WILL TEACH THEM OUR WAYS--

--AND THEY WILL BE TREATED AS ONE OF OURS!

AS FOR OUR PRESENT CONDITION, WE WILL BE PATIENT UNTIL THE F RST S GNS OF THE RAIN AND WIND DYING DOWN -

--UPON WHICH WE WILL AGA N RESUME OUR JOURNEY HOMEWARD AND REUNITE WITH THOSE WE LEFT BEHIND!

The ways of the warrior die hard, but as I looked at the faces surrounding the table that evening, I saw something that burned even brighter...

. the desire to be with family. Hope was already beginning to shape our future .

END.

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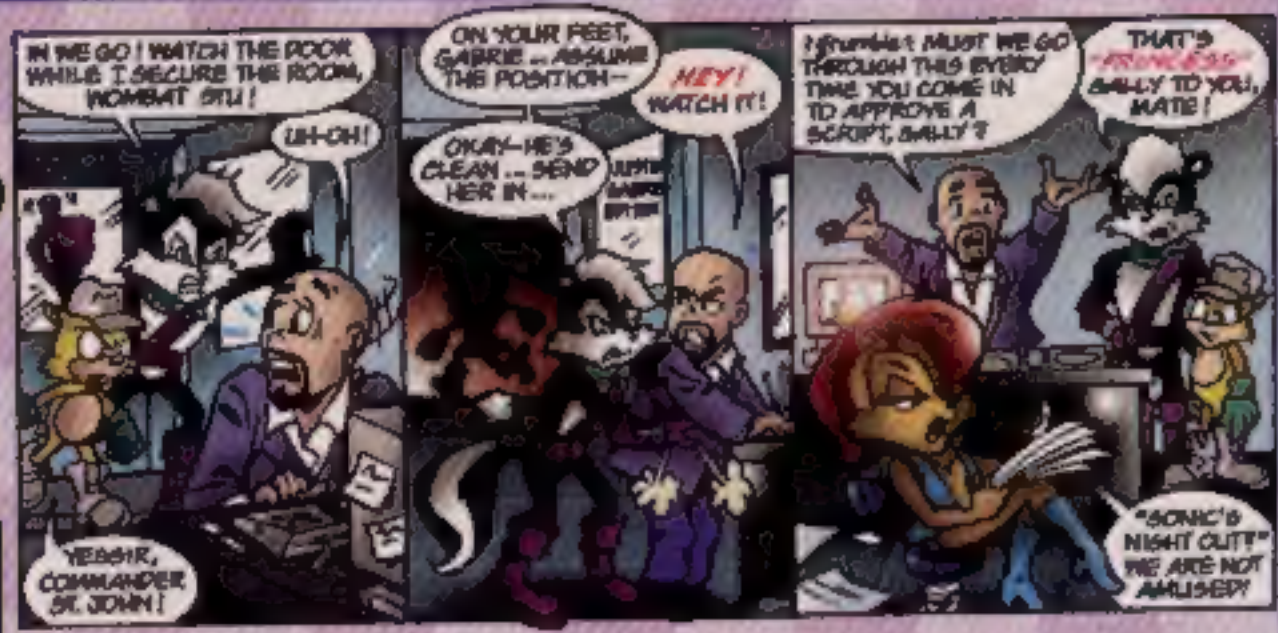

OFF PANEL **by Gallagher & Manak**

THIS JUST IN!

What's up, guys and gals? Hope the holidays brought you all what you wished for. Here at the Sonic office, things are definitely on the up and up. As a book that is generally a newsstand book (meaning most of our sales come from grocery stores, mini-marts, subscriptions, and -duh- the newsstands), we are finally starting to gain attention in the superhero-driven direct market (your specialty comic book shops).

In lieu of this, certain direct market fanzines such as Wizard and especially Comic Buyers Guide (CBG) and Comic Shop News (CSN) have helped more readers find our book. The latest is something all Sonic and Knuckles fans should be made aware of: CSN, a free weekly fanzine, will be printing a Sonic and Knuckles strip for fourteen weeks straight with the first installment starting in the first week of May. Though it is a way to introduce new readers to our favorite characters, current readers will want to get it themselves since it will be placed in continuity (specifically between Sonic #73 & #74 and between Knuckles #25 & #26). The story: What do Sonic & Knuckles do when they wake up... in each other's body? They create mayhem, what else?

All this is mainly due to you fans who have supported our books and spread the word around. For that we give our thanks. We all have something in common: a love for the blue hedgehog and the world he lives in. So let's spread that love around to new 'hog-fans' around the world. As they say, "The more, the merrier!"

Catch you on the flip side!

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To whom it may concern,

Good job on getting Sonic and Tails out of Sand Blast City! Who would have thought the equipment that was responsible for keeping the force field up was in the statue? With sixty-three regular issues under your belt (including seven specials, seventeen Knuckles issues, and countless of other specials and mini-series), will there be any new series coming up?

Collin Grabbon (age 14)
Chicago, IL

The whole credit goes to Sonic. He figured it out in time to save their hides from imprisonment in Sand Blast City. No plans for any new series at the moment but you and all our readers will be the first to know if there is.

Dear Tails,

I think you and Sonic are doing a great job tracking down Ivo Naugus. I'm enjoying your adventure in Sand Blast City and I'm glad to see neither of you were fooled by Jack Rabbitt's deception. Now for what I mainly wanted to talk to you about: the fact that you deserve your own series! I mean both Sonic and Knuckles have their own series but you still don't (and I'm not counting your mini-series), even though you're the "chosen one." If you get your own, all the biggest heroes SEGA history will have their very own comic book. Then this way The Dewmonds and Forty Fathom Freedom Fighters could make many appearances in your book.

Joel Hamlet
Lakeside, CA

Hey, Joel. That Jack Rabbitt's a strange one, isn't he? And after the end of #63, he's obviously not a big fan of Sonic anymore. As mentioned above, there are no plans for new series at this time. However, Knuckles did get his series through popular demand (via snail mail). If it happens again (this time for Tails), who knows what could happen. (Now if that isn't the biggest hint on the face of Mobius, I don't know what is!)

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I loved issue #63. After reading issue #62, I was on the edge of my seat wondering what would happen next. I liked the idea of the prisoners escaping from The Devil's Gulag. Don't get me wrong, I thought it was bad that they escaped but it was a great idea story-wise. I have a question I would like answered: Why was Princess Sally so eager for answers? That is all for now. Thanks for reading my letter.

Bethany Eshenour
Overland Park, KS

So... Bethany, you're from Overland Park, Huh? Any connection? I hope not. Anyway, the reason why Princess Sally was so eager for answers is that she's not accustomed to being left out of the loop. Whenever things happen, she's always the first to know. That is except when it comes to the King's secret plans. Having to find out for herself is what's getting on her nerves.

Dear Sonic,

I just bought issues #62 & #63 and I thought it was so weird how Jack wanted to keep you and Tails as prisoners. Now I have a few questions: 1) How did you find out their plan? 2) What is Valdez? 3) When Snively drops the file in #62, why do the doors open? 4) Also, what is Mighty?

Beth Miller
Hamlet, IN

Yeah, that was really weird. Now you know why they wanted out so bad. 1) Sonic never trusted them (mainly because he felt they were loony to hero worship him the way they did -- though that doesn't mean he didn't like it). 2) Valdez is a chameleon like Espio of The Chaotix. 3) That is a secret soon to be revealed. 4) Mighty is an armadillo.

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

In two weeks: Hot off his artistic chores on SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #7, Image-creator extraordinaire Jim Valentino continues as guest penciler for the "Dark Alliance" story arc. Joining him and writer Ken Penders is inker Harvey! The Dark Legion has their candidate in place for the next High Councilor of Echidnapolis, the mysterious Benedict. While this is happening Dimitri and the rest of The Legion make their move against Knuckles and The Chaotix!

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #23 on sale early February 1999!

Next Month: The Gulag escapees have kidnaped Nate Morgan! What will Sonic and The Freedom Fighters do when they are NOT allowed to save him? Especially since the one sent to save him, St. John, is not very sympathetic toward Overlanders. Story by Karl Bollers with art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund. Also: Sonic gets nightmares about his standings as a hero! By Paul Castiglia, Chris Allan and Jim Amash!

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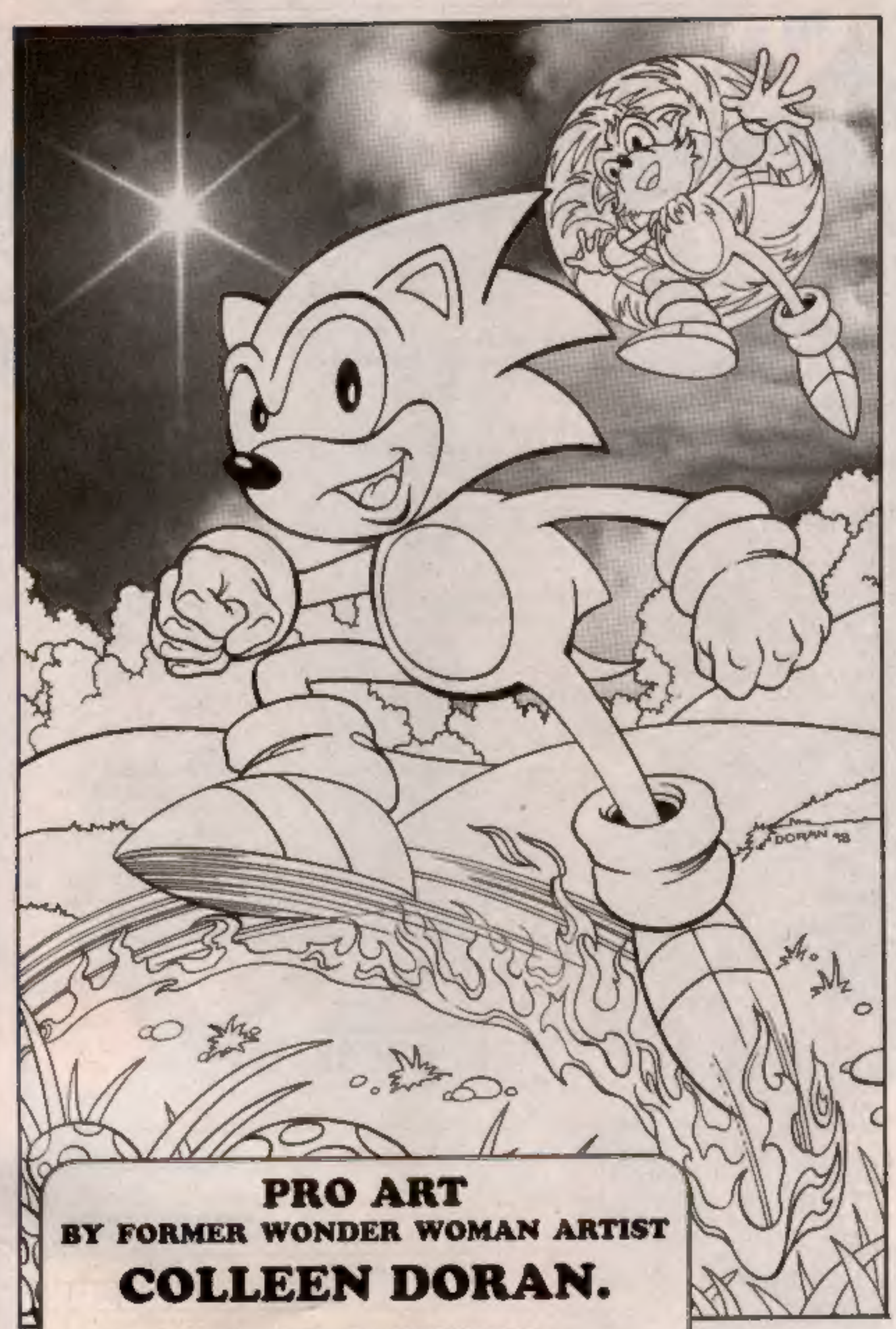

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